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## TROOPSHIP LOADED WITH AMERICANS TORPEDOED OFF COAST OF IRELAND

English Transport is Sunk With Wisconsin and Michigan National Guard Aboard—Casualty List Small.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The Cunard liner Tuscania, carrying 2,179 American soldiers, has been torpedoed and sunk off the Irish coast, but official reports late tonight said 1,912 of the officers and men had been saved and indicated that the list of rescued might prove even larger. The troops, composed chiefly of detachments of Michigan and Wisconsin national guardsmen, were traveling on the Tuscania, a British vessel, under convoy of British warships.

A brief dispatch to the war department from London early this evening announced the disaster and reported the landing of only 1,100 survivors. This was made public shortly after 10 o'clock and for more than two hours it was feared that probably 1,400 men, including members of the liner's crew, had gone down.

When a message came to the state department from the embassy at London saying at 11 o'clock tonight 1,912 of the Americans had been accounted for the joy of officials almost swept away the distress occasioned by the earlier news. The first 1,100 survivors were landed at Larn and Buncrana, two widely separated Irish ports, and this, coupled with the evident fact that rescue ships were at hand quickly, gave rise to hope that nearly everybody on board the Tuscania except those injured by the explosion might have been saved.

The President, Secretary Baker and in fact all official Washington, were up late waiting for further news. Only the briefest dispatches were received and none gave details of the attack on the liner.

Even the time was missing, but it was assumed that it occurred early this morning, as the first message was filed in London at 3 o'clock this afternoon, probably within an hour after the relief ships reached the Irish coast.

The President was at the theatre when the news was received, and he was not told until he returned to the White House. In the meantime the war, navy and state departments had sent urgent messages by wireless and cable instructing their representatives in England and Ireland to forward every available fact immediately.

Because of the nature of the military organizations carried by the ship, the war department announced that it would be impossible to say definitely what troops were aboard until the list of survivors was received. Later, however, the adjutant general's office made the list public. It follows:

Headquarters detachments and Companies D, E and F of the twentieth engineers.

107th engineer train.

107th military police.

107th supply train.

No. 100 aero squadron.

158th aero squadron.

213th aero squadron.

Replacement detachments Nos. 1 and 2 of the 32d division.

Fifty-one casual officers.

The 32d division is composed of national guard troops from Michigan and Wisconsin. The division trained at Camp McArthur, Texas.

The 107th engineers was composed of the first battalion of Michigan engineers; the 107th military police was made up from fourth and sixth Wisconsin infantry and the 107th supply train from the fourth, fifth and sixth Wisconsin infantry.

Thus all the soldiers are former Wisconsin and Michigan guardsmen, except those in the aero squadrons, who probably were recruited from all parts of the United States.

Neither the dispatch of the war department nor that of the state department referred to the fate of the members of the Tuscania's crew. Undoubtedly many of them were saved, and when all reports are in officials hope that the loss of life will be remarkably small. The liner, which is not a regular transport, was under convoy and the warships apparently were quickly alongside for rescue work when the torpedo struck.

The first news was given out here in this terse announcement from the war department:

"The war department has been officially advised that the steamship Tuscania was torpedoed and sunk, and that survivors, numbering 1,100 as far as could be ascertained, were landed at Buncrana and Larn, in Ireland. There was a total of 2,179 troops on this vessel. No names of persons lost have been reported to the war department and no names of survivors were reported. Additional

particulars are promised as soon as received."

The state department dispatch gave the number of soldiers as 2,173, six less than the war department's report. The state department at midnight issued this statement:

"The latest advices received by the state department from the embassy at London regarding the Tuscania are that at 11 p. m. February 6 the latest information was that 1,912 officers and men on the Tuscania were accounted for out of 2,173.

"The ambassador has sent an assistant military attaché and another army officer to Belfast, Ireland. Representatives of the American Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. also have gone, with full power to spend all the money needed and authorizations from the British Red Cross to use their equipment at Belfast. The ambassador further reports that the lord mayor of Belfast is giving all the aid possible."

## Graham Jail Will Hold Neither Liquor Nor Liquor Makers

It seems that the Graham police officers are about as careful in guarding prisoners as they are in safely keeping liquor taken off of bottleggers and moonshiners.

About two weeks ago a white man by the name of Jones Blevins was arrested at Graham by special officer H. H. Rosenbaum, and in his grip was found about thirty pints of liquor. The liquor was stored in the office of B. M. Newman, Justice of the Peace, and the prisoner placed in the Graham jail for safe-keeping, during the night. When Rosenbaum returned the next morning all of the liquor had disappeared with the exception of five pints, and the prisoner had also taken his departure. The jail door was found wide open the next morning and there was nothing broken to indicate an escape by violence. Special officer Rosenbaum decided to take no further chances on the remnant of the liquor and brought the same to the office of the Commonwealth's Attorney forthwith and made arrangements with policeman Chap Osborne, of Raven, to keep a look-out for Blevins in the coal mining section of the west end of the county, where Blevins formerly worked. In one of his rounds Osborne ran across Blevins and, as usual, landed him safely in the Tazewell jail. Officer Rosenbaum came to Tazewell and took the prisoner to Graham for preliminary trial. The prisoner was placed in the Graham jail a second time for safe-keeping, in care of Sergeant George W. Havens and policeman George Burge, while Rosenbaum went to supper. The jail door was unlocked in order to give the prisoner his supper, and it seems that there was a misunderstanding between officers Havens and Burge as to which one would get the dishes used in serving the supper to the prisoner and lock the jail door, which resulted in Blevins walking out to freedom a second time. There is no clue as to the whereabouts of Blevins at the present time, but it is certain that in his rambling around he will keep out of Champ Osborne's section of the county. Policeman Rosenbaum has worked hard to bring this man Blevins to justice and two escapes from the Graham jail are very discouraging. It was no neglect on the part of Rosenbaum that these two escapes were effected and we are satisfied that Rosenbaum will yet bring Blevins to trial in the Circuit Court of Tazewell county.

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## HIGH HONOR ROLL OF BURKE'S GARDEN SCHOOL.

8th Grade—Moss Peery, Reba Snapp, Rufus Thompson.  
6th Grade—Vernal Lampert.  
5th Grade—Ira Bowling, Joseph Moss.

4th Grade—John Bowling, Anna Thompson, Frances Snapp, Fred Peery.

3rd Grade—J. D. Greever, Albert Greever, Jr., Scott Edwards.

2nd Grade—Mary Moss, Richard Thompson, Hugh Cassell.

1st Grade—Aubrey Wilson.

Roll For Perfect Attendance.  
5th—Mary Cassell.  
2nd—Billy Goodman.  
5th—Clint Goodman.

7th—John Thompson.  
7th—Dennis Cassell.  
9th—Bowen Meek, Earl Stowers.  
8th—Edwin Peery.

High honor roll includes those who make required average and 100 per cent attendance.

A. M. MILLARD'S CONDITION.

Mr. A. M. Millard continues seriously and critically ill at his home here. There has been no change in his condition for the better, but rather for the worse, for several days. Yesterday it was reported that he was gradually but surely sinking. His life may be prolonged for even several weeks, it is said, but owing to the condition of his heart and lungs, death may ensue at any moment.

## Teachers Will Hold Important Meeting Here Next Week

The keynote of the approaching teachers conference will be a more sympathetic and practical interest in the public school system on the part of the entire community. Dry and academic, or technical discussion will be replaced by vital, practical, Round Table Talks on subjects of immediate and appealing interest to practical people who are looking for results from the school. The scheme of the program is to group subjects and teachers into three Departmental meetings—Primary Schools, Intermediate Schools and High School Groups. In a general way the whole field of courses of study, Discipline, (in its broad sense), community cooperation, school hygiene, etc., will be taken under careful survey. Such subjects as Teaching How to Study, How to Avoid Slouchiness of Body, Thought and Speech, How to Maintain and Sustain Concentrated Attention, How to Impart Skill in the Exercise of the Senses, How to Yield Obedience to Authority or Leadership, How to Earn a Living, will at once appeal to all as vital. It is hoped that the Woman's Club will lead in a movement to bring the whole community and the teaching force into closer sympathy and co-operation. Chorus Singing will be given. Chorus Singing will be given. Chorus Singing will be given.

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## Men Called For Examination

The following men have been called for examination by the Tazewell Selective Draft Board on the dates given:

For February 7th.

Wm. Webster, Northfork, W. Va. Thos. W. Gillespie, Tip Top.

Oscar Monroe, Fort Wayne, Ind. Floyd H. Stevens, Tip Top.

Albert C. Hankins, N. Tazewell. Henry G. McKinney, Jewell Ridge.

Wm. Boatman, Nor. Tazewell. Steve Dudas, Richlands.

Wm. L. Thompson, Yukon, W. Va. Andrew Harrison, Martinsville.

David W. Yost, Falls Mills. Isaac Turpin, Graham.

Wm. B. Remington, Tazewell, R.2. J. J. Rutledge, Pocahontas.

Jas. T. Rolen, Graham. Emory L. Taylor, Nor. Tazewell.

Bea Worley, Boissevaire. Roy Lee Hagy, Tannersville.

Wm. Bowser, Sandy, Va. Pose emfwpv emfwpv wppppp

Pose E. Burcham, Tazewell. Ernest Reynolds, Pocahontas.

Wm. R. Edwards, Burke's Garden. Will Browner, Logansville, Ga.

Jas. Hess, Tip Top. John Mahe, Red Ash.

Christopher C. Clark, Boissevaire. Walter B. Remington, Tazewell, R.2

Jas. R. Cregar, West Graham. Thos. Ed. George, N. Tazewell.

Joddie Edwards, Pocahontas. Lacy P. Peery, Nor. Tazewell.

Jessie S. Gillespie, Tip Top. Clem Carter, Columbus, O.

Oscar B. Pruett, Cedar Bluff, R.1 Stanley L. Bowman, Horsepen.

Mack Gibson, Cedar Bluff. Yoeman Braxton, Amherst, Va.

Robert L. Jones, Horsepen. Arthur G. Hynes, Itmann, W. Va.

Jas. Robt. Burress, Bluefield. W. H. Hankins, Sayersville.

Wm. Myron y p p p p p mfwyppp Wm. M. Minter, Jr., Pocahontas.

Henry A. McCall, Sayersville. Wilburn Harris, Pocahontas.

John D. Tabor, Cedar Bluff, R.1 Jas. L. Belcher, Falls Mills.

Wm. Sheffield, Graham. Martin C. Tabor, Gary.

Cling Avery, Pocahontas. Pearl Vance, Red Ash.

Jefferson S. Jordan, Bluefield. Jesse W. Cregar, Tazewell, R.2

Wm. L. Seabolt, West Graham. Jas. Arch Moore, N. Tazewell.

Olis Butler, Pocahontas. Jas. M. Roark, Boissevaire.

Marion Bowser, Boissevaire. Emory Bailey, Pocahontas.

Fess Thompson, Pocahontas. Sam P. Riley, Gary.

Thomas Bentley, Abmeek, Mich. Louis George, Pocahontas.

Howard S. Bowman, Tazewell. Charlie Barnes, Tazewell.

L. W. McFarland, Tazewell. Emory Wilson, Raven.

Sam D. May, Tazewell. John J. Holley, Tazewell.

John L. Johnson, Columbus, O. Thomas L. May, Adria.

Leon Meek, Burke's Garden. Clarence W. Goodman, Graham.

Andrew Morehead, Pocahontas. Allen Bowman, Horsepen.

Jas. R. Switalski, Elbert, W. Va. Joel R. Hall, Cedar Bluff.

W. S. Lockhart, Vols Creek, W. Va. Dan Bowman, Horsepen.

Wm. Belcher, Graham. Mannie E. Neff, Graham.

Called For February 8th.

Walter J. Ward, Graham. Ben. H. Thompson, N. Tazewell.

Arthur Wimmer, Falls Mills. H. J. LaCroce, Alfredton.

Clarence Charlton, Graham. Sonny Branson, Pocahontas.

A. M. Crabtree, Tannersville. Jas. E. Hynes, Itmann, W. Va.

Geo. P. McGuire, Sayersville. Robert S. Davis, Richlands.

Leo Barrett, Maxwell. Willie Green, Pocahontas. Sam Ingram, Burke's Garden.

Roy Stuart, Graham. J. R. Twigg, Pocahontas.

Andrew Robinson, Graham. Carter Hankins, Cedar Bluff, R.1

Chas. W. Smith, Boissevaire. Sam Robinson, Pocahontas.

Eddie Jeffries, Pocahontas. Lloyd Hopkins, Pocahontas.

Roy W. Bourne, Gratton. Robert H. Able, Tannersville.

Joseph Moore, Tazewell. Henry A. Davis, Richlands.

Charles Jordan, Pocahontas. Sidney Rich, Pocahontas.

Jas. Jetho Peart, Pocahontas. Donk Vandyke, Cedar Bluff.

Geo. E. Pruett, Red Ash. Oscar H. Keister, Tannersville.

Henry Phillips, Pocahontas. R. O. Morgan, Tazewell.

Archie Stowers, McDonald, Pa. Anton Belki, Pocahontas.

Wm. Bandy, Sayersville. Claude G. Kitts, Richlands.

Lot Gay, Boissevaire. Stalle R. Winston, Boissevaire.

Jas. B. Burton, Graham. Oscar J. Koehelries, Pocahontas.

Eddie Robertson, Pocahontas. Jns. W. Morgan, Calhoun, Okla.

Thos. A. Peery, Nor. Tazewell, R.2 Walter S. Patrick, Tannersville.

Walker L. Bowling, W. Graham. Thomas T. Moore, W. Graham.

Ellie Burress, Pocahontas. Henry M. Hainshaw, B. Garden.

Gordon L. Hubble, Alfredton. Richard Davis, Nor. Tazewell.

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## Tazewell Rifles Now Part of Virginia's Military Organization

The Tazewell Rifles, the local military company, is now duly recognized as a company of Virginia State Volunteers, the inspection and mustering ceremony having been performed last Saturday afternoon by Col. Taylor, of Roanoke, representing Col. J. Lane Stern, State Inspector of militia.

The ceremony took place in the armory. There were present sixty-one men and three officers, Captain John W. St. Clair, and Lieutenants H. E. Kelson and A. C. Buchanan. Major Taylor was accompanied to Tazewell by Colonel Howell, of Roanoke. The visitors were met at the depot by the officers of the Tazewell Company with an automobile. Major Taylor, in private conversation, expressed himself as well pleased with the personnel of the Tazewell Rifles and predicted that they would become one of the best companies of the State. He said that the Tazewell Company was among the few, if not the only one, in this part of the State yet provided with rifles. (As is generally known it is due to the liberality of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors that the rifles were obtained so quickly.) Colonel Taylor was much gratified at the fact that the Tazewell Company had made such rapid progress towards securing necessary equipment for active duty.

The examination of the three commissioned officers took place after the mustering ceremony. Each of the officers passed satisfactorily the test and will receive their commissions from the Governor of Virginia in due time.

The uniforms for the company have been shipped and are daily expected. The uniform includes the full equipment of breeches, coat, flannel shirt, leggings, hat. The hat cords and chevrons for the non-commissioned officers will be furnished by the state.

It will not be out of place here to state that the company is behind about \$150 on the uniform fund and in an earnest effort to have enough money ready when the uniforms arrive. If you have not yet contributed your mite, the organization will gladly receive it now.

MEANING OF THE COLORS.

(Farm and Rauch.)

How many people can tell what is the significance in their entirety of the red, white and blue of the American flag, the national colors? It is, of course, generally understood that one star represents each state included in the Union and that the first flag contained 13 stars, representing 13 original states. The designers of the American emblem have intended that the red stripes represent the bloodshed necessary to establish us as a nation. The white is indicative of the purity of our constitution and our form of government. The blue is symbolic of the clear dome of heaven, wherein are set the stars of the Union and under which all peoples, regardless of race, color or religion, may breathe the air of freedom. It is the unconquerable flag of the world.—Elizabeth Gregg.

R. W. BOWMAN DEAD.

News reached this office of the sudden death of R. W. Bowman, of Horsepen Cove.

His death occurred last Sunday at his home. No details are available, but it is reported that he died of neuralgia of the heart. Mr. Bowman was a man of sterling character, and enjoyed the entire confidence of all who had known him. He was about 75 years of age.

THE TOBACCO FUND.

Below are the names and amounts contributed to date to the "smokes" for American boys in France. The fund should grow faster. The campaign is about to close. Please hurry your contribution:

A. B. Correll, \$1.00; R. C. Chapman, 25c; I. G. Caudill, 25c; J. B. Boyer, 25c; Arthur McGuire, 25c; John G. Barnett, 25c; Dr. Conenover, 50c; Anonymous, 50c; F. E. Cregar, 25c; W. N. C. Black, \$1.00; Miss Rebecca Davis, 50c; Mrs. B. W. Stras, \$1.00. J. C. Taylor, 25c. Total \$7.65.

## WEST END OFFICERS RAID ABANDONED MINE AND CAPTURE DISTILLERY

NEWS OF THE COVE.

Mrs. W. O. Barnes is visiting her niece, Mrs. Kegley, in Roanoke, also Mrs. J. T. Barnes at Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ward are house-keeping at Winterhaven Fla. They are very much pleased.

Several of our colored people attended the burial of "Uncle" Wade Steele at Wardell last Wednesday, and also the burial of Henry Steele, colored, on Monday at the same place.

Rees Johnson, who had lived a number of years on the Copenhaver farm, has moved to Wardell.

Mr. W. O. Barnes, who had great pleasure of hearing Billy Sunday in Washington, D. C., recently, has returned home.